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108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2688****[Report No. 108–383]**

To provide for a report of Federal entities without annually audited financial statements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2004

Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

OCTOBER 4, 2004

Reported by Ms. COLLINS, without amendment

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Executive Branch Fi-
5 nancial Accountability Reporting Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

2 In this Act, the term “Federal entity” means any en-
 3 tity established in the executive branch, including such an
 4 entity that administers a special purpose program or any
 5 other entity established by presidential or departmental di-
 6 rective.

7 **SEC. 3. REPORT OF FEDERAL ENTITIES WITHOUT ANNU-**
 8 **ALLY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

9 (a) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
 11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
 12 the Office of Management and Budget shall submit
 13 a report described under subsection (b) to—

14 (A) the Committee on Governmental Af-
 15 fairs of the Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Government Reform
 17 of the House of Representatives.

18 (b) CONTENT.—The report under paragraph (1) shall
 19 include—

20 (1) a list of each Federal entity that receives an
 21 exemption or waiver from the requirement for an an-
 22 nually audited financial statement under section
 23 3515 of title 31, United States Code, including the
 24 entity’s budget authority and outlays for the pre-
 25 vious and current fiscal years, and the projected
 26 budget authority for the upcoming fiscal year;

1 (2) a list of any other Federal entities, includ-
2 ing temporary commissions, task forces, advisory
3 boards, and other special purpose entities, that do
4 not annually prepare financial statements and have
5 such statements independently audited, including the
6 entities' budget authority and outlays for the pre-
7 vious and current fiscal years, and the projected
8 budget authority for the upcoming fiscal year;

9 (3) an assessment of the capability of the enti-
10 ties listed under paragraphs (1) and (2) to prepare
11 annual financial statements and have such state-
12 ments independently audited, including the costs
13 that would be incurred to do so;

14 (4) an assessment of how to reduce the costs of
15 preparing the financial statements and performing
16 independent audits by grouping together smaller en-
17 tities listed under paragraphs (1) and (2), and other
18 methods by which the preparation and independent
19 audits of financial statements could be made cost-ef-
20 fective for those entities; and

21 (5) an assessment of the benefits of improved
22 financial oversight encompassing the entire executive
23 branch, including the entities listed under para-
24 graphs (1) and (2), and recommendations for a plan
25 to implement a requirement that the entire executive

1 branch, including the entities listed under para-
2 graphs (1) and (2), prepare annual financial state-
3 ments and have such statements independently au-
4 dited.

5 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
7 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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